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## "Help Stop Pet Overpopulation! Take advantage of this Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Opportunity"

Every year thousands of animals must be put to sleep in animal shelters all over the country. San Bernardino County is no exception. There are too many animals and not enough homes for all of them. Pet adoption alone is not the answer. People need to be responsible and make sure their pets get spayed or neutered so they do not reproduce and add to the already enormous pet overpopulation problem.

If you have an unaltered pet, or know someone who does, you can help by taking advantage of the following low-cost spay and neuter opportunity. On **September 9, 12, 13, and 16** the Animal Action League's Spaymobile will be stationed in Fontana at the Benevolent Animal Rescue Committee's kennels, which are located at 16379 Jurupa Avenue in Fontana. The cost to have cats altered is \$25, female dogs are \$50, and male dogs are \$55.

If you need financial assistance, the spaymobile will be accepting the San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control (SBCACC) Program's spay and neuter vouchers, which are available to all residents of the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. They will also be accepting the City of Fontana's vouchers, which are available to Fontana residents. Both voucher programs have a maximum value of \$50.00 for dogs and \$25.00 for cats. The pet owner is responsible for any charges that go over these amounts; however, there are pet assistance groups that may be able to help you with any additional charges. To see if you qualify for the county voucher program or other programs, such as the FREE Pit Bull Program, please call 1-877-44POPCO (76726).

To make an appointment to have your pet spayed/neutered at the spaymobile on one of these days, please call (909) 355-PETS (7387). Thank you.

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